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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Response

1. The amendment filed on 8/20/2007 has been received and made of record.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-18 have been fully considered but are not persuasive for the following reason.

Applicant alleges Moineau does not teach or suggest each of the elements of the pending claims. Each of the pending claims, in part, recites **routing subscriber traffic between wireless access networks and an IP network, wherein the wireless access networks correspond to different customer networks.**

In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., **routing subscriber traffic between wireless access networks and an IP network, wherein the wireless access networks correspond to different customer networks**) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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4. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being by anticipated by Moineau et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0215957[hereinafter Moineau]

As per claim 1, Moineau discloses distributed routing device (26) comprising:

routing unit configured(router 12) to route subscriber traffic flow between at least two wireless access networks (WLANs 22 and 24) and an IP network (external network such internet) (see figs 1, 2 and paragraph 0033-0034), and

generating unit (14) configured to generate at least one instance for executing a security function (i.e., VPN tunnel) on a subscriber traffic flow, so that physically one security instance for subscribers of at least two wireless access networks is present and logically at least one of the at least two wireless access networks has a respective security instance (see paragraph 0041 and 0049).

As per claims 2, Moineau discloses the distributed routing device according to claim 1, wherein at least one logical part of the security instance is associated with a context of a respective one of the wireless access networks and comprises an interface with the respective wireless access network(WLAN port 20) (see fig. 2 and paragraph 0051)

As per claim 3. Moineau discloses the distributed routing device according to claim 1, further comprising associating means for associating the subscribers with the at least two wireless access networks (WLAN 22 and 24).

As per claims 4 and 5, Moineau discloses the distributed routing device according to

claim 1, further comprising reorganizing means for reorganizing a context from a first logical part of the security instance associated with a first wireless access network of the at least two wireless access networks to a second logical part of the security instance associated with a second wireless access network of the at least two wireless access networks (see paragraph 0037-0038).

As per claim 6, Moineau discloses the distributed routing device according to claim 1, wherein the security function comprises at least one of a Virtual Private Network, routing and firewall function (see paragraph 0044).

As per claim 7, the distributed routing device according to claim 1, wherein the distributed routing device is located at a provider edge of the IP network (see fig. 1, element 26).

As per claims 8-18, the claims include features similar with features in claims 1-7, thus claims 8-18 are rejected same rational to claims 1-17.

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Salad E. Abdullahi whose telephone number is 571-272-4009. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The **fax phone number** for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

1. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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